

This possible regulation has some startling and effects upon information control in a free country such as ours, where we are allowed to record a broadcasted program to watch at a later date. This is not going to do anything for people who wish to illegally copy materials anyway, since existing hardware will still allow it and those who do copy materials will be able to hack the new hardware anyway. All this will do is let the corporations, not the people, decide who can record a program to watch later, and will open the door to more infuriating regulations, such as mandatory commercials (not being able to fast forward through them), possibly forcing controls to not allow the end user to watch the recorded program while another big-money-making program is on the air, and could eventually force end users to have to pay a fee to record a program to watch later. This is not a good thing.